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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN-TUNISIAN DISPUTE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO CHARLES THORNTON, PRESIDENT READING & BATES, AS SOON AS THORNTON ARRIVES IN LONDON.

2. "DEAR MR. THORNTON: AS YOU WERE INFORMED BY MR. VELIOTES, I PERSONALLY REQUESTED THE PRIME MINISTER OF TUNISIA TO GRANT YOUR FIRM THE ADDITIONAL TIME YOU REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH THE LIBYAN AUTHORITIES. FORTUNATELY, THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED.

3. "I HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT, DESPITE SOME PRESS
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REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE TO DISCUSS ANY KIND OF COMPROMISE WITH THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT AS LONG AS YOUR RIG IS PRESENT IN THE DISPUTED ZONE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I MUST INFORM YOU THAT, IN THE BEST JUDGMENT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, THE WAY TO DEFUSE THIS EXPLOSIVE SITUATION AND HOPEFULLY TO INITIATE A PROCESS WHICH MIGHT RESOLVE THE DISPUTE IS FOR

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YOUR COMPANY TO WITHDRAW THE RIG COMPLETELY FROM THE DISPUTED ZONE. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT YOU COMPLY WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION AND SO INFORM THE LIBYAN

AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM YOU WILL BE MEETING. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE MORNING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 7 AT THE LATEST THAT THIS IS YOUR DECISION AND THAT THE RIG WILL BE DEPARTING IMMEDIATELY.

4. "WE APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU HAVE TAKEN TO DISCUSS THIS IN THE RECENT MEETING IN TULSA. WE REALIZE THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE MATTER BUT I KNOW YOU ALSO APPRECIATE THAT WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE TURN EVENTS ARE TAKING AND ARE OFFERING OUR ADVICE IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR INTERESTS AS WELL AS THE FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS INVOLVED.
SINCERELY YOURS, PHILIP C. HABIB"

5. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND NOTIFY WHEN LETTER IS DELIVERED.

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